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Investigation of offences by Superintendents of Police.

* 1455 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Superintendents of Police of the several districts do personally investigate into the offences reported, if so, which of the Superintendents have done so, in how many cases and the nature of such cases;

(b) whether such investigations were made independently or with the aid of Circle or Sub Inspectors of Police;

(c) whether such investigations were made long after the completion of investigation by subordinate officers;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Superintendents of Police direct their subordinate officers to bring the witnesses to the place of their camping for examining them;

(e) whether there are any instances in which the Superintendents of Police secured any substantial evidence which had not been secured by their subordinate officers; and

(f) whether there is any return prescribed to show in how many cases such investigation was made by the Superintendents of Police, and if so, whether such return will be placed on the table?

A.—(a) to (e) The Government have no information; they have called for it.

(f) No such return has been prescribed.

Village Courts Act

Amendment of the Village Courts Act.

* 1456 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to the answer to question No. 944 answered on 31st October 1927 put by Mr. A. B. Shetty, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have considered and decided upon the desirability of amending the Village Courts Act in order to enable holders of village panchayat court decrees to have them executed in the same manner as those passed by District Munsifs and other civil courts; and

(b) whether Government have under consideration any other amendments?

A.—(a) The matter is under consideration.

(b) No.

Indian Civil Service

Vernacular knowledge of Indian Civil Service officers.

* 1457 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether every European officer belonging to the Indian Civil Service or other cadre is bound to learn one or more vernaculars of the Presidency;

(b) whether he is paid an additional allowance for learning the vernacular language;

(c) whether such allowance is enhanced according to the number of vernacular languages he learns;